



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 121

LCO No. 2043

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS
TO WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) Not later than July 1,
2 2003, the Labor Commissioner shall establish and administer an
3 unemployment compensation program that extends unemployment
4 compensation benefits to newly employed Welfare-To-Work
5 participants who (1) were newly employed during calendar years 2001
6 or 2002, (2) were subsequently unemployed during calendar years 2001
7 or 2002, and (3) are ineligible to receive unemployment compensation
8 benefits using the base period set forth in section 31-230 of the general
9 statutes, provided such participants were previously employed for at
10 least one-half of such base period.

11 (b) On or before July 1, 2003, the Labor Commissioner shall adopt
12 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
13 general statutes, to establish all necessary criteria for the determination
14 of a claimant's eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits
15 under the program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
16 section.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Labor Commissioner shall
18 apply for any federal funds that are available for the purposes of
19 administering the program established pursuant to section 1 of this act,
20 and shall take such action as may be necessary for the receipt and
21 expenditure of such funds. Any such funds received shall be deemed
22 appropriated for the purposes of the program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To make unemployment compensation benefits available to certain unemployed Welfare-To-Work participants.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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